

of Daisy Bates, the legendary Arkansas NAACP president, and her husband, L.C. Bates, founder of the Arkansas State Press, the state's leading black newspaper.

The hostility didn't subside until the day before Green's graduation.

"There were a number of white kids who got up the nerve to come over and congratulate me for getting through the year," he said.

The principal urged Green to take his diploma and go home without attending the commencement ceremony.

"Local authorities were afraid there would be some attempt to do physical harm to me, but I was convinced that I had angels looking over me," Green said. "I figured I had gone through [too much] not to enjoy the benefits of the service."

As it turned out, Martin Luther King Jr., who had gained prominence with the Montgomery bus boycott 2 years earlier, was in Arkansas.

"He came up the evening of the ceremony to sit with my mother, aunt and family," Green said. "I didn't know he was in the audience until after the ceremony was over."

The next five decades of Green's life have, in many ways, been defined by that year at Central High.

He devoted himself to civil rights causes. At Michigan State University, which he attended on a full scholarship, he became president of the school's NAACP chapter and often protested the policies of the university's president, John Hannah. Thirty years later, he learned that Hannah had personally arranged for his scholarship.

After earning bachelor's and master's degrees, Green moved to New York and worked with civil rights leaders A. Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin to recruit minorities into the building trades. In 1977, he was tapped by President Jimmy Carter as assistant secretary of labor for employment and training. He later formed a minority consulting company with Alexis Herman, who would be named Clinton's labor secretary.

In 1987, capitalizing on the relationships he made in public service, he took a position with Lehman Brothers as an investment banker; his projects included underwriting municipal debt with governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations. Again, he drew on his experience at Central High.

"It made me a tougher negotiator, able to control my emotions and able to handle the ups and down of business and life," he said.

The years have brought proud moments: In 1999, Clinton awarded Green and the rest of the Little Rock Nine the Congressional Gold Medal. There have also been humbling times: In 2002, Green was sentenced to 90 days of home detention and given a \$10,000 fine for failing to declare and pay taxes on income he received as part of a planned business venture.

Today, he works passionately to help young people. He noted that last week, 50 years after he entered Central High, black activists were gathered in Jena, La., to protest the treatment of six black youths arrested after a racially tinged brawl.

"A lot of people don't realize," he said, "that there is still racial injustice in this country."

#### IN MEMORY OF HERBERT D. KATZ

#### HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2007*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of south Flor-

ida philanthropist, prominent attorney, and real estate developer, Herbert D. Katz.

Mr. Katz was a well-known member of the community, involved with numerous causes and organizations. A longtime Hollywood and Fort Lauderdale resident, Mr. Katz graduated from Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in 1951, and Harvard Law School in 1954. From 1954–1957 he served in the U.S. Coast Guard, was appointed to be a member of the United States Holocaust Memorial in 1988 by President Reagan, was President of the Jewish Federation of Broward County from 1974–1976, and chaired the United Jewish Appeal's, UJA, Retirement Committee from 1986–1989.

A highly recognized donor to numerous causes, especially in the Jewish community, Mr. Katz went on to support and serve on the boards of many philanthropic organizations including the Israel Education Fund of UJA, American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, AIPAC, the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, the Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, and the American Friends of Hebrew University, just to name a few. He and his wife were instrumental in helping to finance the building in Davie, bearing their names, that houses the Jewish Federation of Broward County. They also established the coveted Herb and Ellie Katz Leadership Development Award, presented each year by the Jewish Federation of Broward County.

In addition to his wife Eleanor, Mr. Katz is survived by 5 children—Laura, Thomas, Sally, Walter and Daniel, and 8 grandchildren. This was a man whose presence will be greatly missed throughout south Florida.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF ARMY CAPTAIN MARIA INES ORTIZ OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

#### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2007*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the bravery, compassion, and selflessness of U.S. Army Captain Maria Ines Ortiz, from Camden, New Jersey who was killed in Baghdad, Iraq on July 10, 2007. Captain Ortiz was assigned to the 28th Combat Support Hospital, 3rd Medical Command in Baghdad's "Green Zone." Her death marks the first combat related casualty of an army nurse since the Vietnam War.

Captain Ortiz was born in Camden, New Jersey but spent most of her childhood in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. Her career in army medicine began in 1991 when she enlisted in the United States Army Reserve. Captain Ortiz's first two years of active duty included service in Honduras, South Korea, and eventually Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington DC. These experiences helped to solidify her resolve to become a registered nurse, a goal she achieved in 1999, earning a degree in nursing from the University of Puerto Rico.

After subsequently being commissioned as an Army officer, Captain Ortiz worked as a dialysis nurse at Walter Reed for 2 years then served as chief nurse at the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic for 18 months before being sent to Iraq last fall. She had a smile that lit up the

hallways and won the hearts of the medical staff in every hospital she worked. If a patient required extra attention, she worked late. If a colleague was feeling down, she was there to comfort and support that colleague.

Maria Iris Ortiz is a true hero in every sense of the word. She will be remembered for her exceptional devotion. Madam Speaker, I commend Captain Maria Iris Ortiz for her selflessness and courage in making the ultimate sacrifice to her country.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2007*

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, due to the passing of my father, on Monday, October 1, 2007 I missed rollcall vote nos. 924, 925 and 926. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on H. Con. Res. 185, H.R. 2276, and H.R. 3325.

#### ACKNOWLEDGING NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

#### HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2007*

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, In 1945, Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October of each year as "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week," in order to educate the American public about issues related to disability and employment. From there, the week expanded into a month designated "National Disability Employment Awareness Month." And today, I am so pleased to acknowledge and praise those who work to further the necessary awareness of those individuals and American workers who live with a disability.

The American worker has enough to handle and manage as it is, but the employee who lives with a disability copes with other barriers many of us will never experience. I commend the work these groups are doing to ensure these individuals, completely capable of employment, find that employment and are not discriminated against. However, there is much work to do. The employment rate of working age people with disabilities remains only half that of people without disabilities. These numbers are far too low and this population has for far too long been a group unable to rise above the employment and earnings gaps. There is a benefit to us all for working toward inclusion of more and more disabled workers. Again, I am pleased to celebrate "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" this October and will continue my ongoing efforts in Congress to ensure equality for all, making the barriers facing individuals with disabilities once and for all a thing of the past.